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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No: 10/067,171
Applicant: Yoshiho GOTOH, et al.
Filed: February 4, 2002
Title: AN OPTICAL DISK, AN OPTICAL DISK BARCODE FORMING METHOD, AN OPTICAL DISK REPRODUCTION APPARATUS, A MARKING FORMING APPARATUS, A METHOD OF FORMING A LASER MARKING ON AN OPTICAL DISK, AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL DISK
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Examiner: Paul E. Callahan
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

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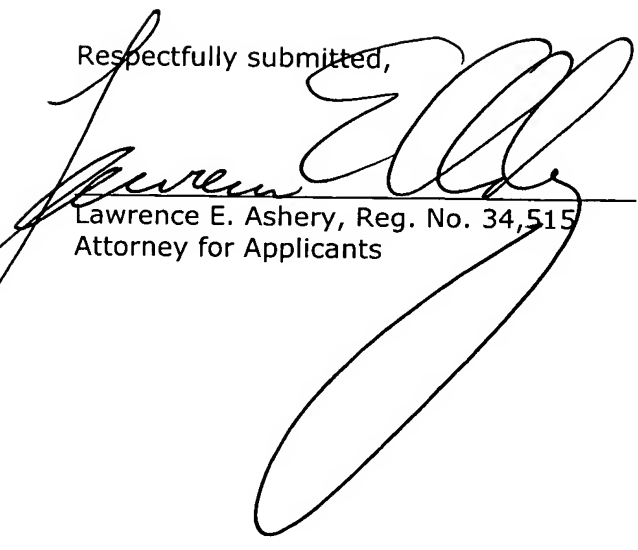
Claim 38 has been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,052,465.

In response, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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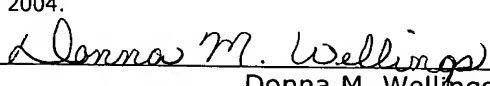
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